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## *Community Report*

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## Dedication

Dear Mom, this is my birthday gift to you on your 70th birthday. In all the places I have been and of all the people I have met, I have never met, seen, or even heard of a better Mother-and-Grandmother than you. This gift, “a brief elaboration on a tune,” to quote L.Cohen, was started on Dad’s 70th birthday – it reflects the larger story of our wonderful life together, for us to remember and preserve, and for the prosperity of our children. Thank you for the being the most wonderful and loving Mom.

*Love, Jonathan*

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## Cover picture

**14 July 2016, Gainesville, Florida**

**BACKROW** Barbara Jean Ferris Edelmann, Matthew James Edelmann, Jonathan Breadstill Edelmann, Mariola Jadwiga Batycka Edelmann, Josephine Edelmann, Alex-Elisabeth Anne Edelmann

**FRONTROW** Māyā Hermina Edelmann, Edgar James Edelmann, Kavi James Edelmann, Melissa Edelmann, Eleanor Edelmann

# My Family: Part I

## Family History: Section I

### *My Family*

Jeffery Ferris,<sup>1</sup> born in 1610 [d.1666], came to America from Leicestershire, England, in 1635, and settled in Greenwich, Conn. His son, John Ferris, was born in 1640, left his Greenwich home around 1659 for Westchester Village, New York. A patent (deed of land) was granted to John Ferris on Feb. 15, 1667, from the Duke of York by Gov. Nichols, and confirmed April 16, 1689, by Gov. Fletcher, for Throgmorton's Neck.<sup>2</sup> The home of his son, James Ferris, of Throgg Neck (Frogs Neck on Throgmorton's Neck – it is called all these names at different times) was seized and used as headquarters, for some time by General Howe during the Revolutionary War. James Ferris's son, James Jr.; was the occupant of the Ferris homestead at the time, and was a prisoner of the British for some time.

John Ferris, son of James, was born in 1733 [d.1814], and married Miana [also Marianne] Hunt and they lived in Grove Farm [also called West Farm, now part of Bronx], Westchester [p.2] County, New York.<sup>3</sup> He had eight children. John and William both died young. They were both lost at sea. Marry Anne married Benjamin Pell and was an ancestor of Morris Shipley Pell, William Howland Pell, Ferris Pell and etc. They are the Pells who owned Fort Ticonderoga, and gave it to the State of New York; a very wealthy family. Elven and Johnathan were the fourth and fifth sons. Elijah, the sixth child, married as his second wife, Amelia Livingston, and became the owner of Livingston Manor in Sullivan County and much other real-estate throughout New York State. Anna, and Elizabeth were the two youngest children. John Ferris bought the interest of the other heirs in Grove Farm at Throggs Neck, and also owned Spicers Neck, Brockett's Neck, and some land or property within the city of New York. The family at this time had much wealth and social standing. His sons, Johnathan and Elijah

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix: Jeffrey Ferris.

<sup>2</sup> This appears to have been part of the Bronx and there was a street called Ferris Avenue on Throg's Neck to Old Ferry Point (see *The Story of the Bronx from the Purchase Made by the Dutch from the Indians in 1639 to the Present Day*, Jenkins Stephen). A number of other histories of the Bronx mention John Ferris.

<sup>3</sup> See Appendix: Grove Farm: <http://www.ferrisfamily.us/grove-farm-home-to-many-a-ferris/>



went to Vermont, and bought 5000 acres of land and owned a [p.3] clothing mill, and a marble mill.

Many of the Ferris men were seafaring men, and merchants in the early days, and the phrase “lost at sea” comes in now and then, as with the first two sons of the family. Elvin Ferris, son of John, married Anne Muckleworth. He died in 1793, last at sea. Elvin’s son was named John M.

John M. Ferris, son of Elvin Ferris, was born in 1794. As both his mother and father died before he was six years old, he may have been brought up [by] his Uncle Johnathan’s family. He married Elizabeth U. Powell. They had six children , Anna Augusta, William P., George P., John Thomas, Valentine Seaman and Esther Ameila. They were members of Society of Friends. He was born and educated in Westchester County, and was a boat owner and a lumberman. He and the family moved to Hamilton County, the place now called Ferris Lake. You can, or must wonder why he made the move he did, with wealth, beautiful home and surroundings and the life they had [p.4] it must indeed have been a trying adjustment for them all to make, to come to almost a wilderness.

Valentine Seaman Ferris, son of John M. Ferris, was born March 4, 1841, in the Town of Flushing, Queens County, New York. He was educated there and in Brooklyn. In his early life he was a clerk, then engaged in the lumber business on his father’s farm, or land a mean, in Hamilton Country for 12 years, afterwards in Herkimer County for 11 years, and then came to the town of Verona, as a farmer. He married Almira J. Miller, a native of Herkimer Country. Her father Nicholas Miller, was a sawyer by occupation. Valentine Seaman and Almira, his wife, had three children: Jesse S., Eugene Burt [Sr], and Elizabeth.

Eugene Burt Ferris [Sr],<sup>4</sup> son of Valentine Seaman Ferris, was born July 11, 1879, in Stratford N.Y. He married Agnes Lawrence, who was born June 6, 1882, in Cannon N.Y.

Her father Henery Lawrence, came to this country as a small boy with his mother and baby sister. His mother and sister [p.5] returned to England, leaving him in this country with friends. She planned to come back after him, but she never returned.

Eugene Burt Ferris, Sr., my grandfather was educated in Stratford and Verona. He moved to Wampsville around 1917 (I am not quite sure) and from there to Verona in 1919. He worked as a salesman, railroad freight, a town man, and as a carpenter and a building contractor.

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<sup>4</sup> Further information: When Eugene Burt Ferris Sr was born on July 11, 1879, in Stratford, New York, his father, Valentine, was 38 and his mother, Almira, was 34. He had one son with Agnes Ferris in 1911, Eugene Burt Ferris Junior. He died on March 19, 1963, at the age of 83, and was buried in Verona, New York. See Appendix: Eugene Burt Ferris, Senior, for evidence that he was a carpenter-contractor and telegraph operator.

Eugene Burt Ferris Jr., my father, was born April 27, 1910, in Oneida.<sup>5</sup> He married Helen [Florence<sup>6</sup>] Breadstill. He has four children; Elizabeth Clara, Barbara Jean, Anne Marie, and Eugene Burt III. His children were all born in Oneida City Hospital. The family now lives in Vernon N.Y. on [24] N. Sconondoa St. My father moved to a farm near Verona, when he was a small boy. He went to a one room school. At the age of seven he moved to Wampsville. At the age of nine he moved to Vernon. He graduated from Vernon-High School and Utica Business School. [p.6] He has worked for 27 years at Ueblers Milking Machine, and is now working as a shop foreman.

Elias Hamilton [he was the ancestor Nettie Hamilton, Barbara Jean Ferris Edelmann's grandmother] was born in 1776.<sup>7</sup> He was one of the pioneers in Stockbridge [MA], where he came from Massachusetts in 1808. In 1842 he moved into the town of Vernon and lived here until his death in 1844. His wife was also born in Massachusetts in 1777, and dies in 1832.

William Hamilton, son of Elias, was born in 1814, in Stockbridge, Madison County. He received his early education at the district school on Stockbridge Hill. He came from Stockbridge in 1842 and resided in the town of Vernon, near Sherrill. He was one of the leading farmer of Oneida County. He owned three farms, one of what is now W. Hamilton Ave., Sherrill, including the land now occupied by the Conde M Mche Co. Another included the land now Prospect Street and Rowland Place, in Sherrill. The third was at the top of Marble Hill in Indian Town. He married Amanda Smith of Vernon, and they had four children. She died in 1858, after which he married [p.7] Helen Garlock. Their house, in Sherrill on the State Road had a brick furnace, which was used to heat the house, or parts of the house, on special occasions. Very unusual for those times.

John Hamilton, son of William, as born in 1847 in Sherrill N.Y., as at that time it was better known as Turkey Street. He married Clara Morris, and they lived on William Hamilton's Indian Town farm. He died at the age of 36, leaving his and three small children. Clara, his wife, worked in Mansion House, the Community's fruit house, and later in the silk mill to support her family; two sons, Elias, and Clarence, and a daughter Nettie.

Jonathan Morris<sup>8</sup> lived in Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

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<sup>5</sup> Died 10 January 1994, Vernon; buried in Oneida Castle, Oneida, New York. SS#: 109-01-5676.

<sup>6</sup> It seems Helen Florence Breadstill got her middle name from Annie Florence Baudstill, who was born in the Civil Parish of Kensington, London, around 1890, according to the 1891 England Census for John Baudstill.

<sup>7</sup> It seem he married Emma (Ame) Lamb on 21 Nov 1789, Brookfield, Massachusetts.

<sup>8</sup> This is the start of the line leading to Nettie Hamilton, who marries John Breadstill (b.1886), whose only child was Helen Florence Breadstill (b.1920-1994). Jonathan Morris was married to Hannah Lincoln according to Dennis Gorman's ancestry.com.

William Morris was born in 1792, Sturbridge, Mass. He married Emma Rice of Brookfield Mass. Emma was born in June 1794. He died Oct 19, 1883. She died Feb 19, 1836.

John Morris [1823-1904],<sup>9</sup> lived in Lebanon N.Y. He married Laura Anne Taylor [1826-1908]. They had five children, Laura, Clara [b.1853], [p.8] Adon, Jennie and Emma. The three oldest attended school at the stone school house near Lebanon, which is still standing, but is no longer used as a school house.

We have in our book case three school books which belong to my great-great-grandmother Laura Taylor Morris.

John Sampson,<sup>10</sup> was born in 1815, in Tollesbury, Essex England. His father and mother were also natives of that place. He was a farm laborer. He worked for land owning famers by contract. He moved fields of grain by hand with a scythe. His wife Sarah A. Bowls was born in 1820, also in Tollesbury, Essex England. Her parents were also born there. Their daughter Annie Sampson, was born in 1858 , in Tollesbury. She married William Breadstill, who was born in 1855, a native of Somerset, England. They had several children. The second son is my Grandfather, John.

John Breadstill,<sup>11</sup> was born in 1886 [10 July], in London, England. He came to Niagara Falls, Canada about 1912. In London [p.9] he worked on the river boats. In Niagara Falls, he worked [in] Oneida Community. He came to Sherrill when the factory was moved there. He married Nettie Hamilton in 1919. They have always lived in Sherrill, and he worked for Oneida Limited, until he retired 6 or 7 years ago.

## **Family Anecdotes: Section II**

### ***John Morris (1832-1904)***

At one time, John Morris, considered moving his family to Iowa where a brother was living. He started west with another brother to look [at] the situation over in Iowa. They stayed overnight with friends in Ohio one night on the their trip. That night the house burned to the ground, and his brother burned to death. Jon barely escaped alive. John did not continue West, but returned to Lebanon and later moved the family to a farm on the hill south of Munnsville, where they lived for many years.

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<sup>9</sup> John Morris (1832-1904) is the father of Clara Morris (this must be where Elizabeth Clara Ferris got her middle name) with mother Laura Anna Taylor (1826-1908), and Clara Morris is the mother of Nettie Hamilton (b.1880) with husband John Hamilton (1847-1885).

<sup>10</sup> This is the beginning of the line leading to John Breadstill, who marries Nettie Hamilton, and they have Helen Florence Breadstill.

<sup>11</sup> See Appendix: John Breadstill

*Clara Morris (b.1853)*

Clara Morris spent her first day of school crying on the porch of it, because she was too shy to go in.



Family Pictures: Section III [kids of Helen Florence Breadstill and Eugene Burt Ferris]

Left to right  
 Barb. (me)  
 Daddy  
 Yenev  
 Anne  
 Bird  
 (Clarkey)



Elizabeth  
 age 14



Eugene Burt III  
 (Yenev) - age 4



Barbara (me)



Left to Right, Grandpa Breadstill  
Mommy, Elzy, Grandma Breadstill,  
Anne, Genev, me.

## My Community, Vernon, New York: Part II

### History of Vernon: Section I

#### *My Community*

When the county was first settled on Indian orchard containing hundreds of aged large apple trees, was found in this area. They were probably planted by Tuscarora before they moved to Niagara. There was also an Indian burial ground found. It was so ancient that none of the Indians in the region knew anything about the braves and squaws that must have been buried there.

The first white settler in this area was named Josiah Bushnell. He came there about 1793 or 1794 from Tyringham, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. When the Oneida reservation was sold at an auction in August 1797, a company of wealthy families in Connecticut bought a lot of the land to be resold to actual settled settlers. This section was known as the Oneida woods in by 1800 very few lots were unoccupied. The company laid out a town plan in which there was a green, surrounded by one acre lots. [p.19] All Protestant religions were permitted to build churches around the green. This was the town that was Vernon Center. Both the town and the village were called Mount Vernon in the early years of their history.

The first merchant in this town, a mean area, was Abraham Van Epps. He built a little house and opened a store in 1798. Mr. Sessions taught the children of the first settlers their lessons in a log house. By 1798 the need for a better schoolhouse and frame building was felt for Vernon. An academy started by Solomon Case in 1833 remained in operation until 1876.

Abraham Von Epps was born in Schenectady in 1763. His father was the first trader with the Indians. Caring his things in a boat Abraham traveled up the Mohawk River over the carry to "Woods Creek," through Oneida Lake, down the Oswego River into Lake Ontario, and along the southern shore of Lake Ontario to the Niagara River.

On 1774 von Abraham began trading [p.20] fur has his career at the age of 21. On the across the country trips both the father and son traded with the Indians at Oneida Castle. Young Abraham became familiar with the Indian language. Because he was very fair with the Indians he became a great favorite among them. When the state started dealing with the Oneidans about buying their land, Abraham served the Indians well in these negotiations.

In 1796 at the Oneida's request, the state granted Van Epps a pantent of land, for 2 square miles. A year later he built a frame store in what is now Vernon, between Sconondoa Creek and the turnpike. Part of the building was used as a tavern accommodating immigrants who began coming through on their way west just before the 19<sup>th</sup> century. At this time the whole area was part of Herkimer County.

Immigrants from New England came so fast after the end of the Revolutionary War that Oneida County was [p.21] formed in 1798 and took in all the land West of the Niagara River.

Abraham's father was by [near] the Indians. His goods were stolen by them while he was on a trading trip along the north shore of Lake Ontario in 1783. He may have been killed by the Algonquins, who knew of his friendship with the Aroguis.

From 1800 to 1825 Vernon was a boom town because of such rapid growth. Until the Erie Canal was built, the Seneca Turnpike made Vernon hey busy travel center.

Abraham Van Epps died in Vernon at the age of 81 in 1844. It was said that his Indian friends who attended his funeral had tears in their eyes.

Richard Hubbfell was the first settler on the Van Epps patent in 1794–1795 in what is now the northern part of Vernon Village. The first marriage in the Village of Vernon was Aaron Davies and Amy Busknell. It occurred before 1798. The first white child was Edward Marshall son of Lerve Marshall, the date was April 19 1799.

Cooper Street was named for the number of Cooper's who settled there. Hey post office was established early in the history of Vernon. The first known [p.22] postmaster was Capt. Benjamin Peirson. He built Sconondoa Inn in 1802 and used it as a hotel until he died in 1812.

Hesekaik and Ann Arres built it carding and fueling mill early in the history of Vernon Village. They also built hey dwelling which later became the Empire House. a public library was founded in 1806 and continued until 1811. Thomas Williams Senior operated a large tannery in the southern part of Vernon Village. It burns down and was never rebuilt.

Some of the early industries where hey grist Mill owned by Abraham Van Epps, a brewery owned by Rovert Richardson, a glass bottle [factory] owned by the Granger Brothers, window glass factory owned by Willett Skermans, scythe rifles, drain tile and Crusts Canning Co.

Vernon Village fire company was organized soon after the Village incorporation. It was reorganized in 1833 with more equipment. The fire house was built in 1840.

The Methodist church at Vernon was organized about 1830. The Unitarian congregation society was formed in March 1841. Their church building near the Oneida Community's factories, was formally used by the Indians. It was [p.23] moved to the town of Vernon in September 1842. It was our Townhall which was just torn down.

On the main section of Vernon, "upstreet," there is a public library, a drug store, is supermarket, a confectionery store, and of course a post office. There is an appliance store a hotel, and a church.

## **Government of Vernon, New York: Section II**

### ***My Community Government***

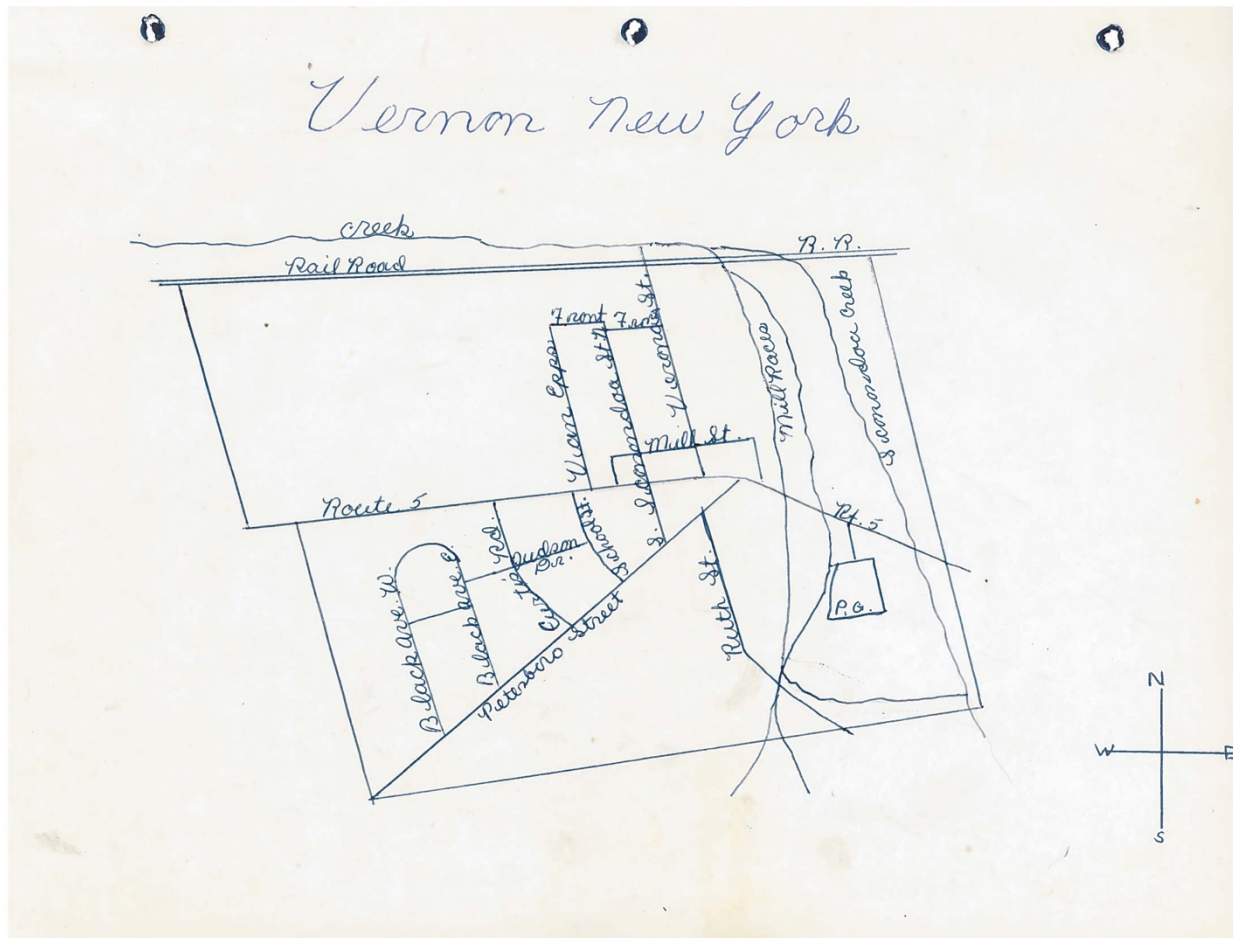
The government of Vernon is made up of a mayor and four trustees. The present mayor is John W. Black. The present trustees are Douglas Lynch, Vernon Richlefs, Frederic Kurtz, and Raymond Winterton.



The Village Board meets the second Monday of every month. Those who attend are the mayor, the trustees, clerk treasures, and any citizens or residents who wish to attend.

The job of the mayor and the trustees it is to make Vernon a modern progressive Community. We have a playground for the children, modern sewage disposal installed about three years ago, police department, modern streetlights, school traffic offices to see the children our crossed across the main street safely, and the trees are sprayed to keep away the worms. All the while Vernon is growing and becoming bigger and better.

### Map of Vernon, New York: Section III



Community Pictures: Section IV



Site for new  
Vernon Fire House



The old Hotel Vernon  
it's going to be torn down

Vernon  
Methodist  
Church →



Vernon  
Fire  
House ←



## My County Oneida, New York: Part III

### County History: Section I

#### *County History*

Shortly after the farming of Herkies County in 1790, there was an argument between the Dutch and the puritans inhabitants of what is now Oneida County over dividing Herkimer County. The Puritans wanted a county of their own, while the Dutch settlers wanted to remain in the larger political unit. The Puritans won out on March 15, 1798, and Oneida County was formed.

As early as 1784 Hugh White of Middle Town, Connecticut moved into the area as a permanent settler. There had been other settlers at Fort Stanwix and in Deerfield, but they were driven out by the Revolutionary War. Many of them returned after the war was over and by 1800 the county was a great growth of population.

Utica was established as a Village in 1798 that was not Incorporated as a city until 1832. When Rome was incorporated as a city in 1819 the county could have boasted as one of the largest unincorporated villages in the state.

The Act providing for the establishment of Oneida County called for court holding [p.30] in the county and for the erection of a courthouse and a jail. The first court was held at "Meeting House," in Whitestown in January 1794. In 1800 a court house in jail was erected in Whitesboro. In 1813 hey building was built to serve the purpose of those buildings, hey jail and an Academy and a courthouse was put up in Utica. The first execution was that of John Tichi, an Indian, convicted of killing his cousin in 1817.

Presbyterian services were held in Whitesboro as early as 1786. The Presbyterian Church of new Hartford was established in 1791 by Jonathan Edwards as a congregational Organization. It became Presbyterian in 1801. This is Edwards was known as "the younger" to tell him from his famous grandfather in the great awakening in New England in the 1730's. He also organized churches on Paris Hill and Clinton. Other churches in the county soon followed.

The first attempt to establish public common schools was at Whitesboro though Westmoreland and Rome we're not far behind and all had some system [p.31] of public Schools by 1800. Hamilton College (copied from a letter on History of Oneida County; the whole sentence was copied), chartered in 1812 grew out of Hamilton-Oneida Academy, a school started by the Rev. Samuel Kirkland for the education and Christianizing of the Indians. Whitestown seminary was organized as Oneida Academy in 1827 to educate Young men for the Presbyterian Ministry. The first school for girls was the Young Ladies Domestic Seminary at Clinton in 1833. At both this school and the Whiteston Seminary the students worked to pay their expenses.

Industries were established early in the county. Dr. Seth Carpson set up the first cotton mill at Whitestown, New York in 1808. Glass was made in the county as early as 1808. The making of candles and soap on a commercial basis began in Utica in 1812. In 1822 a foundry was set up in Utica.

Oneida County has had many famous sons. Three who became nationally known in the political world were Roscoe Conkling, James S. Scherman, and Horatio Seymour. Before Conkling became famous as United States Senator, he began his law study in Utica in 1846 and was later mayor of the city.

[p.32] James Sherman, elected Vice president of the United States in 1908 was born in Utica. Seymour was the democratic candidate for president against Grant in 1868.

## Charts

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Chart

This Census shows the population in the respective towns then comprising Oneida county in 1800 as follows.

town	formed in	population
Augusta	1798	1,598
Bridgewater	1797	1,061
Deerfield	1798	1,048
Floyd	1796	767
Leyden	1797	622
Mexico	1796	246
Paris	1792	4,721
Remsen	1798	224
Rome	1796	1,497
Schoenen	1792	552
Trenton	1797	624
Westmoreland	1797	1,493
Whitestown	1788	4,212
Total		18,665

## Charts

This chart shows the towns of Oneida county in 1803, the no. of residents and non-residents, the names of supervisors, and the aggregate valuation of each town.

1803.		No. of Residents	Non-Residents	Aggregate Valuation
Supervisors and Towns				
1. Jedediah Phelps,	Verona	107	28	48,129.00
2. Daniel Kelley,	Lowville	161	-	41,300.00
3. Sheldon Parmelee,	Augusta	224	7	82,271.00
4. Benson Hurckley, Jr.,	Ramson	53	24	57,544.00
5. Joseph Jones,	Westmoreland	171	17	211,223.00
6. Jesse Curtis,	Pearis	<del>758</del> 248	28	403,139.00
7. Henry Huntington,	Rome	<del>600</del>	25	189,748.00
8. George Doolittle,	Whitestown	600	4	705,113.00
9. Samuel Wetmore,	Vernon	160	9	<del>705,113.00</del> 65,966.00
10. Nathan Sage,	Redfield	55	17	52,537.50
11. Henry Wagner,	Western	252	30	127,043.00
12. Isaac Brayton,	Deerfield	181	16	240,532.00
13. Henry Coffeen,	Watertown	163	24	46,412.00
14. Asa Brayton,	Martinsburg	53	13	45,418.80
15. Elias Southwell,	Leyden	183	42	287,885.00
16. David Coffeen,	Ruthland	129	18	29,734.00
turn over				287,885.77



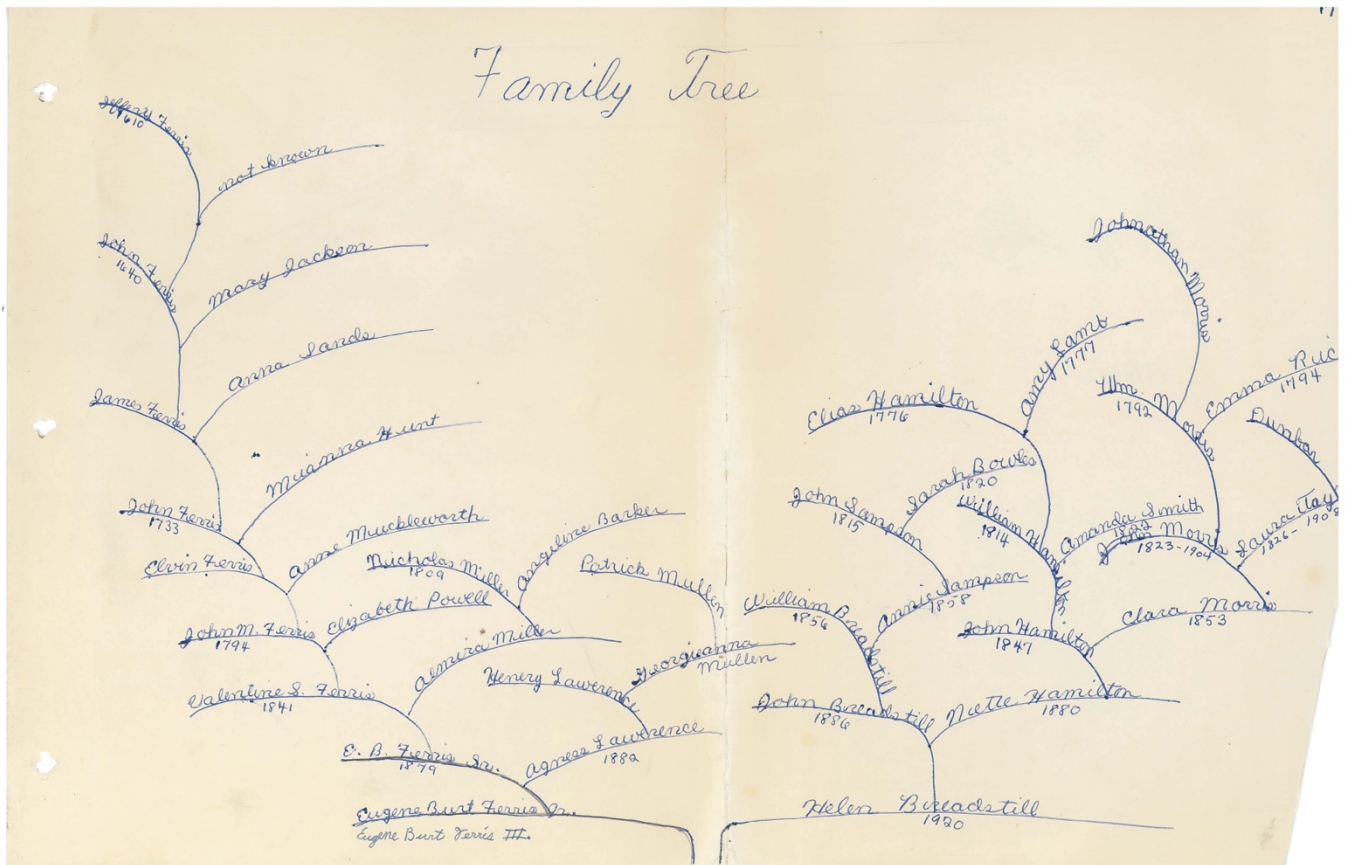
Supervisors and Towns	no. of Residents	no. of Residents	aggregate Valuation
17. Samuel Sizer, Sitten	143	25	\$75,209.11
18. Eleazer House, Turin	145	7	279,824
19. Noadiah Hubbard, Champion	93	16	27,263
20. Jacob Brown, Brownville	124	6	484,856.75
21. Jarvis Pidge, Floyd	142	25	149,332
22. Lewis Graves, Harrisburg	110	9	64,006
23. Nicholas Salisbury, Adams	120	12	83,455.37
24. Reuben Hamilton, Mexico	121	45	628,071
25. John Humaston, Camden	194	29	129,499.
26. John Stover, Trenton	158	17	116,260.70
27. Asker Flint, Bridgewater	187	12	145,441.

## **Bibliography**

My grandfather received much of the information about the Ferris family from Mrs. Taggart of Ogdensburg, who wrote to him for information about his branch of the family. Thru her he got in touch with the Western Reserve Historical Society of Cleveland Ohio and received the family tree back to Jeffrey Ferries.

My grandfather Ferris also owns one of these big books entitled Oneida County New York. He let me use this book for information on Vernon and Oneida County. I also got information from the Grollies Society on Vernon and Oneida County. In the Penny Saver there was also information on Vernon. This is where I got my information for my report.

# Family Tree



## Appendix<sup>12</sup>

This appendix provides further information on the Ferris, Breadstill and related families, with each section in near chronological order.

### The Ferris Family in England and Normandy, 11th century AD



SUMMARY: The Ferris (=Ferrers, = de Ferrers, = de Ferrières) family appear to have been Barons in England, lowest level British nobility, who arrived in Leicestershire in the 11<sup>th</sup> century from Normandy, France. Jeffrey Ferris (1610-66), who is the first Ferris to come to what would be the USA departs from Leicestershire in the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century at a time when the Ferris family had some influence and wealth, but as of yet, there is *no clear evidence* of the connection between Jeffrey and the Knights of Leicestershire. There are no birth records for Jeffrey.

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<sup>12</sup> Added by Jonathan Breadstill Edelmann (b.14 July 1976) in 2017.





This is Arms of Ferrers of Groby, of Sir William de Ferrers (1240-1287), Knight, of Groby, Leicestershire.

Groby is still a large village on the Northwest side of Leicestershire. Sir William de Ferrers is a descendant of Henri de Ferrières (1036-1088). The latter brought the Ferris name to England from Normandy. Henri de Ferrières who fought in the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Ferrières appears to be derived from the Latin (through the Romans) word “foerrum,” iron. Henri was the 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Seigneur of Ferrieres-Saint-Hilaire, Eure in Upper Normandy (the first son, William, died in battle), and he was a landholder (210 manors) in Derbyshire and Leicestershire.<sup>13</sup> After Heri and William, the Ferris family remains in the Leicestershire area.

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<sup>13</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=84156267>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry\\_de\\_Ferrers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_de_Ferrers).



This is Tamworth Castle,<sup>14</sup> which is outside Birmingham and Leicestershire (about 80 miles north of Oxford). Jeffery Ferris was the son of Richard Ferris (1575-1616), who was the youngest child of Sir Humphrey (de) Ferrers (1558-1608). Sir Humphrey Ferrers was a Knight, and some of his children were (1) Susan (1558-1624), (2) Sir John Ferrers (1566-1633), MP (matriculated Trinity College, Oxford on 16 Oct 1583, aged 17), and (3) Richard Ferris (1575-1616) (the line of Jeffery Ferris), although there is no clear evidence for Richard. This Norman-style castle was maintained and improved by the Ferrers. Ferris family appears to have had a leadership role there, but one that seems rather diminished from that of Henri in the 11th century.

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<sup>14</sup> <http://www.tamworthcastle.co.uk/>

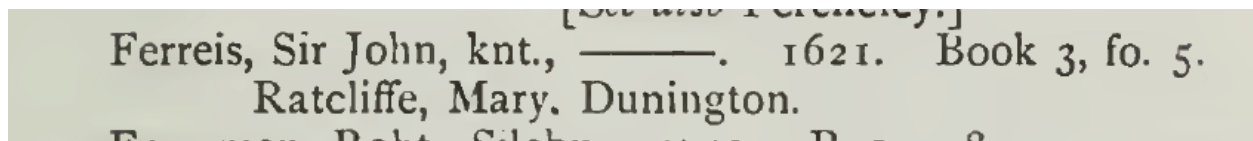
### Jeffrey Ferris (1610-1666)<sup>15</sup>

Jeffrey Ferris (1610-1666), is thought to be the son of Richard Ferris (1575-1616) and Ann St John (b.1580), grandson of Sir Humphrey Ferrers (1558-1608). Sir Humphrey clearly had a son named Sir John Ferrers MP, Knt, (1565/6 or 1569/70-1633), who studied at Trinity College, Oxford, of Tamworth Castle in Staffordshire. I have found no evidence that Humphrey had a son named Richard, and thus the connection between Jeffrey and the House of Ferris in Tamworth is unverified.

Whatever the case, Jeffrey Ferris is said to have come to Massachusetts Bay from Leicestershire in 1634 and first settled in Watertown, MA. The problem is that I have *only found documentation* for one son of Sir Humphrey Ferrers, i.e. John Ferrers (b.1565). In 1635, he moved to Wethersfield, CT, having become a “freedman” in Boston (it is still not clear what that meant), then on to Stamford, CT in 1641. Jeffrey landed in Greenwich, CT by 1650, East Town in 1655 and then resettled in Greenwich by about 1659. He died in Greenwich, CT, May 31, 1666.<sup>16</sup> It is not clear why he left England or whether he came for love or for freedom.

### Evidence

*Leicestershire Marriage Licenses, being abstracts of the bonds and allegations for marriage licenses, preserved in the Leicester Archeaconry Registry 1570-1729. Indexed by Henry Hartopp. The British Record Society, Limited. 1910, p.147:*



This John Ferreis, a knight in 1621, is said to have been married to Mary Ratcliffe in Dunington.

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<sup>15</sup> Reference: <https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=88266774> and [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com). *History of Stamford Connecticut from its Settlement in 1641 to the Present Time including Darien, which was one of its Parishes Until 1820*, by Rev E. B. Huntington, A.M. (published in 1868), esp.p.31.

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=88266774>



Likewise:

FERRERS, Sir John (1565/6 or 1569/70-1633), of Walton-on-Trent, Derbys and Tamworth Castle, Warws. Published in *The History of Parliament: the House of Commons 1604-1629*, ed. Andrew Thrush and John P. Ferris, 2010<sup>17</sup>

### Family and Education

b. 1565/6 or 1569/70,<sup>1</sup> 1st s. of Sir Humphrey Ferrers of Tamworth and his 1st w. Anne, da. of Sir Humphrey Bradbourne of Lea, Derbys.<sup>2</sup> educ. Trin. Oxf. 16 Oct. 1583, aged 17; L. Inn 1584.<sup>3</sup> m. (1) by 22 Oct. 1592,<sup>4</sup> Dorothy (bur. 19 Dec. 1616),<sup>5</sup> da. of Sir John Puckering†, 1s. 3da.;<sup>6</sup> (2) by May 1625, Elizabeth, ?s.p.<sup>7</sup> suc. fa. 1608.<sup>8</sup> kntd. 23 Apr. 1603.<sup>9</sup> bur. 15 Aug. 1633.<sup>10</sup> sig. Jo[hn] Ferrers.

- This document likewise goes on to say, “In January 1622 he agreed to marry Mary, the daughter of Sir John Radcliffe\* of Ordsall, Lancashire, although he was initially concerned that Mary would not consent to marry him as he was then in his fifties.”
  - Although it goes on to say Mary refuses him, and he marries someone named Elizabeth.

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<sup>17</sup> <http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/ferrers-sir-john-15656-or-156970-1633>

While John Ferris, to whomever he may have been married, is a well-established son of Sir Humphrey, there is generally no mention of a Richard Ferris, of whom Jeffrey Ferris (b.1610) is said to have been a son:

Palmer, CF, History of Town and Castle of Tamworth, p.365:

VI. GEORGE, *bur.* July 29th, 1519.  
HUMPHRY FERRERS, esq., succeeded his father, who was *bur.* at Tamworth, Apr. 17th, 1576. He *m.*, 1562, Ann, dau. of Humphry Bradbourne, esq.; *bur.* Jan. 29th, 1599. Afterwards he *m.* Elizabeth, dau. of sir Ralph Longford. He was created a knight: and was *bur.* Jan. 9th, 1607-8. By his 1st wife, he had a numerous family.  
I. JOHN, his successor.  
II. WIL., *bur.* here July 3rd, 1577.  
III.-IV.-V. WALTER, THOMAS, and EDWARD.  
VI. ELIZABETH, *m.* at Tamworth, July 6th, 1585, to William Somerville, esq. He was knighted.  
VII. KATHERINE, *m.* at Tamworth, Jan. 15th, 1593-4, to Geo. Hyde, gent. He was created K.B.  
VIII. BRIDGET, *cr.* Aug. 9th, 1574; *m.* to Robert Eyre, esq.  
IX. LETTICE, *cr.* 1st, *bur.* 4th of Sept., 1577.  
X. SUSAN, *cr.* Apr. 6th, 1583; *m.* to George Greasley, esq.

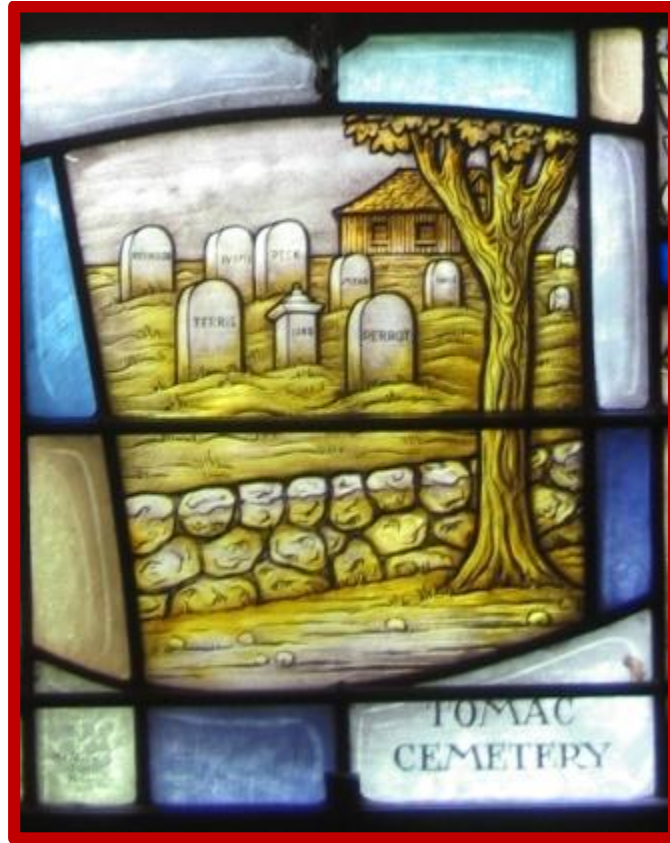
The life story of Jeffrey is discussed here; note that he becomes a freeman in Boston, a view found widely in the literature on him:

*History of Stamford Connecticut from its Settlement in 1641 to the Present Time including Darien, which was one of its Parishes Until 1820*, by Rev E. B. Huntington, A.M. (published in 1868), p.31:

FERRIS, JEFFREY, made freeman in Boston in 1635, came with the first settlers, is on the list of those who paid for the survey, and received ten acres at the first assignment of land. Savage says he was from Watertown, Mass., where he was made freeman, probably May, 6, 1635, whence he came to Wethersfield. He sold his lot in Wethersfield, of 45 acres, to John Deming. He came with the first colony from Wethersfield, and in 1656 is one of the eleven Greenwich men who petitioned to be accepted under the New Haven jurisdiction. His will, found on the probate records at Fairfield, is dated Jan. 6, 1664. He wills to the four boys he brought up, ten pounds sterling a piece, if they live with any of his children until they are eighteen years old, the money then to be put out for them until they are twenty years of age. His will names also his wife Judy, son James, son Jonathan Lockwood, and Mary Lockwood, son Peter's three children, and son Joseph's two. Judy Bowers, his widow, receipts for her widow's portion, Mar. 6, 1667. His marriage contract with his wife Susannah, widow of Robert Lockwood, of date May 28, 1661, pledges certain legacies to the children of Robert Lockwood, deceased, and mortgages his Greenwich lands and "housings." He died in 1666. The name Ferris is from Leicestershire, house of Feriers, from Henry, son of Gualchelme de Feriers, to whom William the Conqueror gave large grants of land in the three shires of Stafford, Derby and Leicester. Tradition invests the emigration of this family to this country with the hues of romantic adventure—the ancestress, high born, following her plebeian lover out into this western world, to share with him here the fortunes which English aristocracy would not allow there.

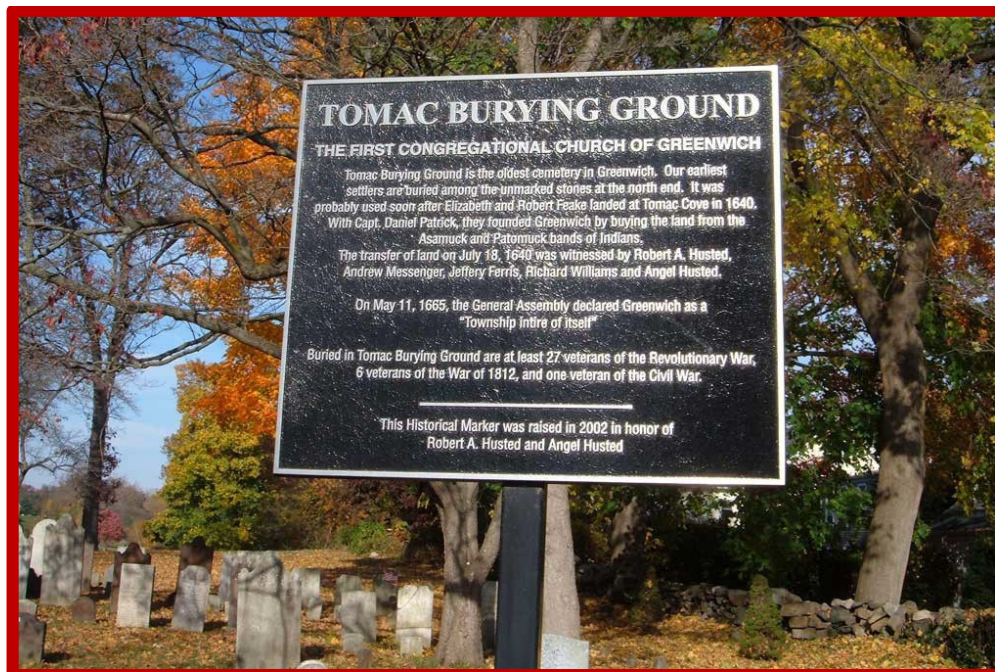


This is part of the overall stained glass window in the First Congregational Church in Greenwich, CT. If one looks closely at the lower right side, one can see Jeffrey's birth and death year.



This is part of the stained glass window in the First Congregational Church in Greenwich, CT. It shows where Jeffrey is buried—in Tomac Cemetery. If one looks closely, one can see the name Ferris on one of the stones, bottom left.





Tomac Burying Ground, aka Old Sound Beach Cemetery, the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, CT. Jeffrey Ferris' space should be somewhere in there.

## Timeline of Events in our Church

	1600's
1656	The first recorded religious services in town were held in the houses of settlers.
1664	The 7 Proprietors: Jeffre Ferris, Senre; Joshua Knapp, Senre; Joseph Ferris, Jonathan Reynolds, Angell Heusted, John Mead and John Hobbe wanted their own church & town separate from Stamford. Church and government were inseparable. They had Congregational values of free choice.
1665	May 11 Charter: The church was incorporated by the General Court of the Colony of Connecticut as the First Church of Christ in Greenwich.
1667	A newly built schoolhouse became the place of worship as well as a central meeting place.
1669	The first pastor was Eliphalet Jones who was shared by other churches.
1670	William Grimes willed his land, about 32 acres in Shorelands, for town/church improvements. This was our first endowment. We rented the land for grazing.
1678	Jeremiah Peck became the first settled minister.
1694	A second new church was built at Tomac and Lockwood Avenue. It was 32 feet long by 26 feet wide.

This is from the website of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, CT; it seems Jeffrey had a major role.

<http://www.fccog.org/about-us/a-brief-history-of-our-church/>





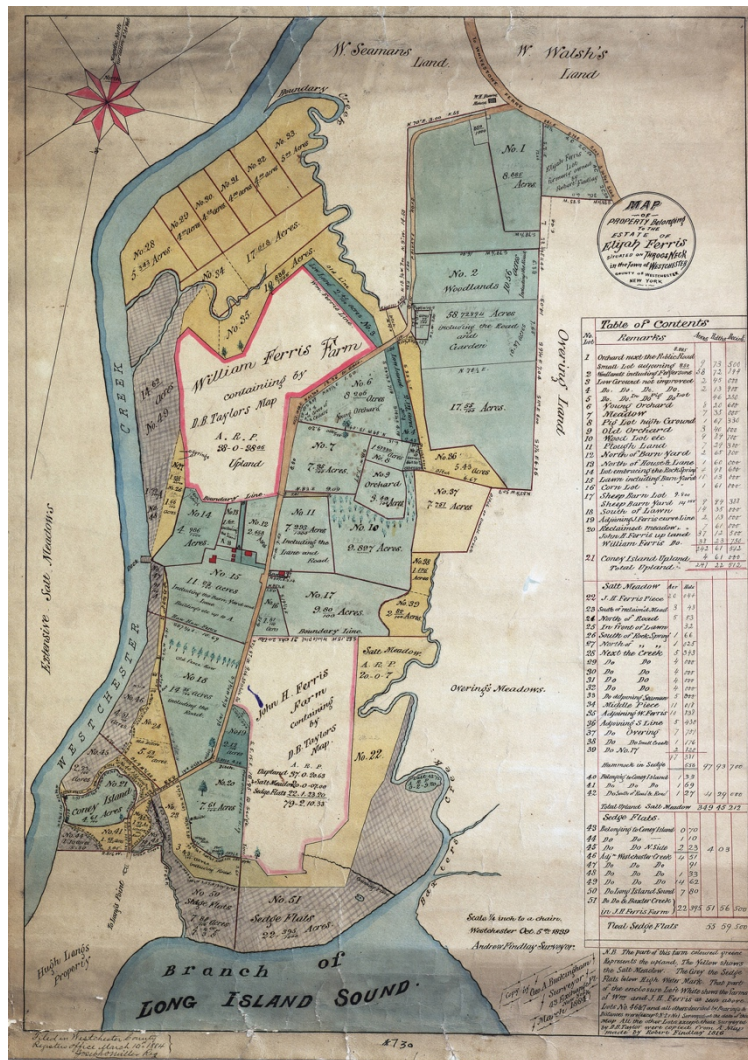
According to Jim Ferris (letter dated 20 May 2017) this is the home of Jeffrey Ferris in Greenwich, CT.

## Grove Farm



Ferris Grange or Grove Farm, on Ferris Ave. Photo from 1903.





In 1667, Thomas Hunt was given a patent, a land grant, in Westchester County, New York. Some of that land became known as Grove Farm. The area would eventually become part of the Bronx and then part of New York City. It is quite near, but not on, Throgs Neck. It passed through the Hunt family until 1756. At that time, it became the property of Marianne Hunt, who married John Ferris (1733-1814). John Ferris was the great-grandson of Jeffrey Ferris through his son, John. He would be the first, but certainly not the last Ferris to live and prosper at Grove Farm. In some texts, it is known as West Farm. Elijah Ferris (1768-1842), John's son, would next occupy the family manor. The lands would be divided between his three sons. William Livingston Ferris (1805-1886) and John Haviland Ferris (1799-1862) would receive portions of the extensive holdings. His son, Charlton Ferris (1810-1871) would raise his family here, as well. He would receive the majority of the lands.

<http://www.ferrisfamily.us/grove-farm-home-to-many-a-ferris/>



## Eugene Burt Ferris, Senior (11 July 1879 – 19 March 1963)

Son of Valentine Seaman Ferris (born in Queens, 4 March 1841) and father of Eugene Burt Ferris Jr (1910-1994) is listed as "self-employed," as "telegraph operator" (12th census) and as "carpenter" (16th census), SS #: 095-03-6753.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)			
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[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
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(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)			
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7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Agnes Ferris, Vernon			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Self			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS as above (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
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### Eugene B. Ferris, Sr

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**Birth:** Jul. 11, 1879  
Stratford  
Fulton County  
New York, USA

**Death:** Mar. 19, 1963  
Oneida  
Madison County  
New York, USA

Utica Daily Press March 20, 1963  
EUGENE B. FERRIS  
VERNON - Eugene B. Ferris, 83, a retired carpenter-contractor, died yesterday in Oneida City Hospital.  
He was born in Stratford and attended schools in that area. He came here 25 years ago. He married Agnes Lawrence in Canastota, in 1905. Mrs. Ferris died in 1962. Mr. Ferris was a member of the Oneida Odd Fellows Lodge. He leaves a son, Eugene B. Jr., Vernon.  
The funeral will be at 2 Friday from the Alger Funeral Home with the Rev. Walter E. Minto, pastor of Vernon Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Verona Cemetery. Calling hours are from 7 to 9 tonight and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 tomorrow.

**Family links:**  
Spouse:  
Agnes Lawrence Ferris (1882 - 1962)\*  
\*Calculated relationship

**Burial:**  
Verona Cemetery  
Verona  
Oneida County  
New York, USA  
Plot: Section F 40

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Clara Morris Hamilton (b.1853)



She was the married to John Hamilton (1847-1884) and was Barbara J F Edelmans's great grandmother. Her parents were John Morris (1823-1904) and Laura Anne Taylor (1826-1908).

John Breadstill (10 July 1886-1975)



John Breadstill, pictured with his wife Nettie A Hamilton Breadstill (1880-1963)





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Enumeration District Chickadee

SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES 1940

POPULATION SCHEDULE

FEDERATION, APRIL 1, 1940

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In the 1940 Census, she was 19 and lived at 26 Seneca St in Sherrill, with her parents, John Breadstill (53) and Nettie A Hamilton Breadstill (60). She had 4 years of high school education and worked 40 hours per week as a bookkeeper ( \$750), John was an Polisher (\$2800), and Nettie an Inspector (\$710). Their home valued at \$5000.

A 1930 Census Report says she had a brother named Norman J Breadstill, age 13, who was employed as a “newsboy” with a paper route. Unfortunately, Norman appears to have died young.